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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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38. (Amended) A blank store forming part of a packing machine and cooperating with a transfer unit (11) for transferring blanks, as claimed in Claim 23; characterized by comprising a push device (20) having a supporting wall (25) perpendicular to said first path (P1) and movable along said first path (P1) to support the blanks (2) in said store (10).

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